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ENP01-T325128 3 [REDACTED] R360-68 DAILY SIGINT SUMMARY FOR 25 DECEMBER 1968

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SUMMARY IS BASED ENTIRELY ON SIGINT EXCEPT WHERE SOURCE IS OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED. PART ONE - RESUME OS SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. ON 25 DECEMBER AT 0432Z AN UNIDENTIFIED AAA SITE REPORTED THAT THEY HAD SHOTDOWN AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE SPEAKER REPORTED THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODED AND WENT DOWN IN HIS AREA AND THAT TWO PILOTS WERE KILLED (SEE USA-32 CRITIC 12-68, 250507Z). AN ADDITIONAL AND EARLIER AIRCRAFT LOSS OCCURRED ON 24 DECEMBER AT 0843Z AS NOTED IN A MESSAGE FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED UNIT IN NGHE AN/HA TINH PROVINCE (PROXIMITY OF VINH) WHICH REVEALED THE PROBABLE SHOOTDOWN OS A RECONNAISSANCE PLANE. THE MESSAGE STATED THAT GROUND TROOPS REPORTED SEEING THE PILOT BAIL OUT. NO LOCATIONS WERE GIVE, HOWEVER THE MESSAGE FURTHER MENTIONED ACTIVITY AROUND THE VILLAGES OF LOC DIEN (18-35N 105-39E) AND LINH CAM (18-31N 105-34E). (SEE [REDACTED] CRITIC 2-68, 250530Z). ON 23 DECEMBER, ON SAM ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATION FACILITIES, SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS PROBABLY SUBORDINATE TO THE HAIPHONG SAM REGIMENT WERE NOTED IN A PRACTICE LAUNCH EXERCISE AGAINST B52 AIRCRAFT. FIVE PRACTICE LAUNCHES RESULTING IN THREE DESTROYED AIRCRAFT WERE NOTED. THE B52'S, REPORTED IN TWO TRACKS CONSISTING OF TWO AND THREE AIRCRAFT, WERE REPORTEDLY AT RANGES OF 15 AND 13.5 NAUTICAL MILES WHEN THE PRACTICE LAUNCHES OCCURRED. FOLLOWING THE EXERCISE, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE LAUNCHES SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN THE TARGET IS AT A RANGE OF 19 NAUTICAL MILES OR MORE (SEE [REDACTED] ELECTRICGRAM 24 [REDACTED] VCK/R601-68, 241146Z DEC 68.). PART TWO - CURRENT ACTIVITY. TABLE OF CONTENT

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